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ZHURAVKA IRBM LAUNCH AREA, USSR



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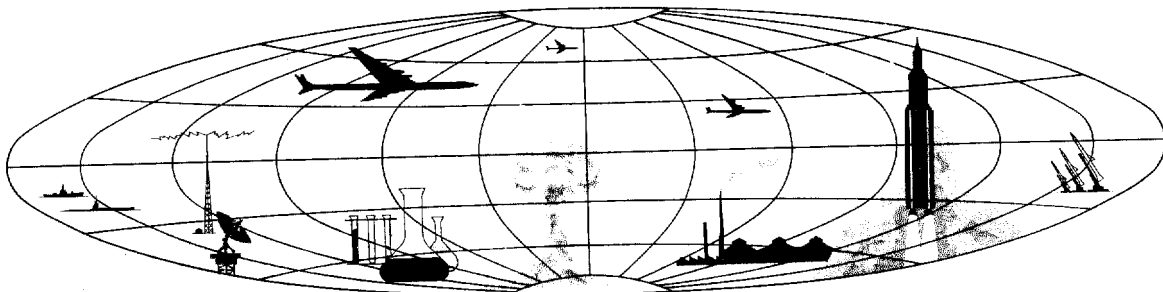
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A continuing scan of [REDACTED] has revealed a newly identified IRBM launch area in a sparsely wooded area near the western shore of Lake Chebakly. It is located 3.3 nm ESE of Zhuravka and 43.0 nm SE of Tatarsk.

The launch site is of an inline configuration almost identical to those of the Kraskino and Rozhdestvenka launch sites. The secured launch site contains four elongated pads with a pad separation of 690 feet and an orientation of 240 degrees. Four ready buildings are located to the NE of the launch pads; three are on inline roads directly behind the launch pads, and the other is on a central service road. A fifth building, aligned with the ready buildings but much smaller

in size, is situated on one of the inner inline roads. A comparison between the current KEY-HOLE photography [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reveals that the ready buildings, and possibly several other components of the launch site, may have been earth mounded (Figure 1) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No administrative or housing section is associated with the launch site, and there is no paved access road. However, trackage connects it with the town of Zhuravka and the main line of the Western Siberian Railroad 2.3 nm to the NE.

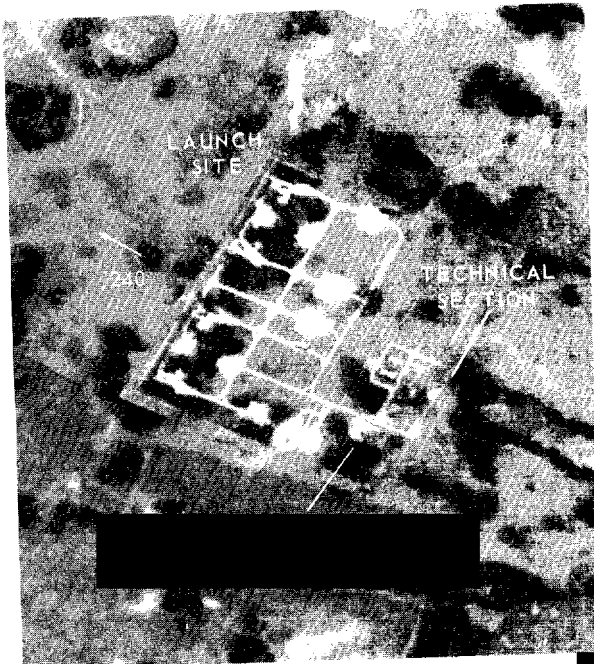


FIGURE 1. ZHURAVKA IRBM LAUNCH AREA

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